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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Oversight

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Member’s Right to  
5       Renounce the House Pay Raise Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. ELECTION REQUIREMENT.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—A Member of (or Member-elect to)  
8       the House of Representatives shall not receive an annual  
9       pay increase unless such Member (or Member-elect) elects,

1 in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b), to  
2 receive such increase.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE ELEC-  
4 TION.—An election under this section shall not be effective  
5 unless it is made by such date (before the effective date  
6 of the increase involved), in such form, and otherwise in  
7 such manner, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the  
8 House of Representatives shall prescribe.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 For purposes of this Act—

11 (1) the term “Member of the House of Rep-  
12 resentatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-  
13 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress (in-  
14 cluding the incumbent of a position in the House of  
15 Representatives under section 601(a)(1)(B) or (C)  
16 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2  
17 U.S.C. 31(1)(B) or (C)); and

18 (2) the term “annual pay increase” means an  
19 increase under section 601(a)(2) of the Legislative  
20 Reorganization Act of 1946 (or any other provision  
21 of law which is expressly in lieu of an increase under  
22 such section 601(a)(2)) in the rate of pay payable  
23 for service as a Member of the House of Representa-  
24 tives.

1 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

2       This Act shall apply with respect to annual pay in-  
3 creases scheduled to take effect after the end of the 30-  
4 day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

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